

## Department of Veterans Affairs

## § 44.420

transaction now meet any of the criteria in § 44.335.

### DISCLOSING INFORMATION—LOWER TIER PARTICIPANTS

#### **§ 44.355 What information must I provide to a higher tier participant before entering into a covered transaction with that participant?**

Before you enter into a covered transaction with a person at the next higher tier, you as a lower tier participant must notify that person if you know that you or any of the principals are presently excluded or disqualified.

#### **§ 44.360 What happens if I fail to disclose the information required under § 44.355?**

If we later determine that you failed to tell the person at the higher tier that you were excluded or disqualified at the time you entered into the covered transaction with that person, we may pursue any available remedies, including suspension and debarment.

#### **§ 44.365 What must I do if I learn of information required under § 44.355 after entering into a covered transaction with a higher tier participant?**

At any time after you enter into a lower tier covered transaction with a person at a higher tier, you must provide immediate written notice to that person if you learn either that—

(a) You failed to disclose information earlier, as required by § 44.355; or

(b) Due to changed circumstances, you or any of the principals for the transaction now meet any of the criteria in § 44.355.

### **Subpart D—Responsibilities of Department of Veterans Affairs Officials Regarding Transactions**

#### **§ 44.400 May I enter into a transaction with an excluded or disqualified person?**

(a) You as an agency official may not enter into a covered transaction with an excluded person unless you obtain an exception under § 44.120.

(b) You may not enter into any transaction with a person who is disqualified from that transaction, unless you ob-

tain a waiver or exception under the statute, Executive order, or regulation that is the basis for the person's disqualification.

#### **§ 44.405 May I enter into a covered transaction with a participant if a principal of the transaction is excluded?**

As an agency official, you may not enter into a covered transaction with a participant if you know that a principal of the transaction is excluded, unless you obtain an exception under § 44.120.

#### **§ 44.410 May I approve a participant's use of the services of an excluded person?**

After entering into a covered transaction with a participant, you as an agency official may not approve a participant's use of an excluded person as a principal under that transaction, unless you obtain an exception under § 44.120.

#### **§ 44.415 What must I do if a Federal agency excludes the participant or a principal after I enter into a covered transaction?**

(a) You as an agency official may continue covered transactions with an excluded person, or under which an excluded person is a principal, if the transactions were in existence when the person was excluded. You are not required to continue the transactions, however, and you may consider termination. You should make a decision about whether to terminate and the type of termination action, if any, only after a thorough review to ensure that the action is proper.

(b) You may not renew or extend covered transactions (other than no-cost time extensions) with any excluded person, or under which an excluded person is a principal, unless you obtain an exception under § 44.120.

#### **§ 44.420 May I approve a transaction with an excluded or disqualified person at a lower tier?**

If a transaction at a lower tier is subject to your approval, you as an agency official may not approve—

(a) A covered transaction with a person who is currently excluded, unless